and safety precautions for all operations involving the use of explosives.

(b) The operating procedures referred to in paragraph (a) of this section shall include and set forth the special duties and stations of appropriate qualified persons for various operations involving the use of explosives. Assignment of such persons shall be commensurate with their experience and training.

(c) A copy of the operating procedures, plans and safety precautions required by paragraph (a) of this section and all subsequent changes or revisions shall be forwarded to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, issuing the certificate of inspection for review.

Subpart 196.85—Magazine Control

§ 196.85-1 Magazine operation and control.

(a) Keys to magazine spaces and magazine chests shall be kept in the sole control or custody of the Master or one delegated qualified person at all times. Test fittings for magazine sprinkler systems shall be kept in a locked cabinet under the custody of the Master.

(b) Whenever explosives are stored in magazines and magazine chests they shall be inspected daily. Magazine inspection results and corrective action, when taken, shall be noted in the ship's log daily. Maximum and minimum temperatures for the previous 24-hour period shall be recorded in the ship's log along with general magazine condition and corrective action taken when necessary.

(c) The magazine sprinkler controls shall be tested monthly. Test results and all corrective actions taken shall be recorded in the ship's log.

(d) The Master shall limit access to the magazines, or the contents thereof, to persons who can document 3 months on board ship training in the use of explosives. This shall not be construed as prohibiting access to the Master or others designated by the Master.

Subpart 196.95—Pilot Boarding Operations

§ 196.95-1 Pilot boarding operations.

- (a) The master shall ensure that pilot boarding equipment is maintained as follows:
- (1) The equipment must be kept clean and in good working order.
- (2) Each damaged step or spreader step on a pilot ladder must be replaced in kind with an approved replacement step or spreader step, prior to further use of the ladder. The replacement step or spreader step must be secured by the method used in the original construction of the ladder, and in accordance with manufacturer instructions.
- (b) The master shall ensure compliance with the following during pilot boarding operations:
- (1) Only approved pilot boarding equipment may be used.
- (2) The pilot boarding equipment must rest firmly against the hull of the vessel and be clear of overboard discharges.
- (3) Two man ropes, a safety line and an approved lifebuoy with an approved water light must be at the point of access and be immediately available for use during boarding operations.
- (4) Rigging of the equipment and embarkation/debarkation of a pilot must be supervised in person by a deck officer.
- (5) Both the equipment over the side and the point of access must be adequately lit during the night operations.
- (6) If a pilot hoist is used, a pilot ladder must be kept on deck adjacent to the hoist and available for immediate

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